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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BAEKKESKOV et al.

Application No.: 08/838,486

Filed: April 7, 1997

For: IMPROVED METHODS FOR THE
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT
OF DIABETES

Examiner: Mary R. Tung

Art Unit: 1644

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 14, 1999, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Unamended claims appear in small type for ease of reference.

31. A method for inhibiting the development of insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, said method comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective dosage of glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD).